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John was chairman of the board of county commissioners of Wasatch County and also chairman of the State Board of Sheep Commissioners.

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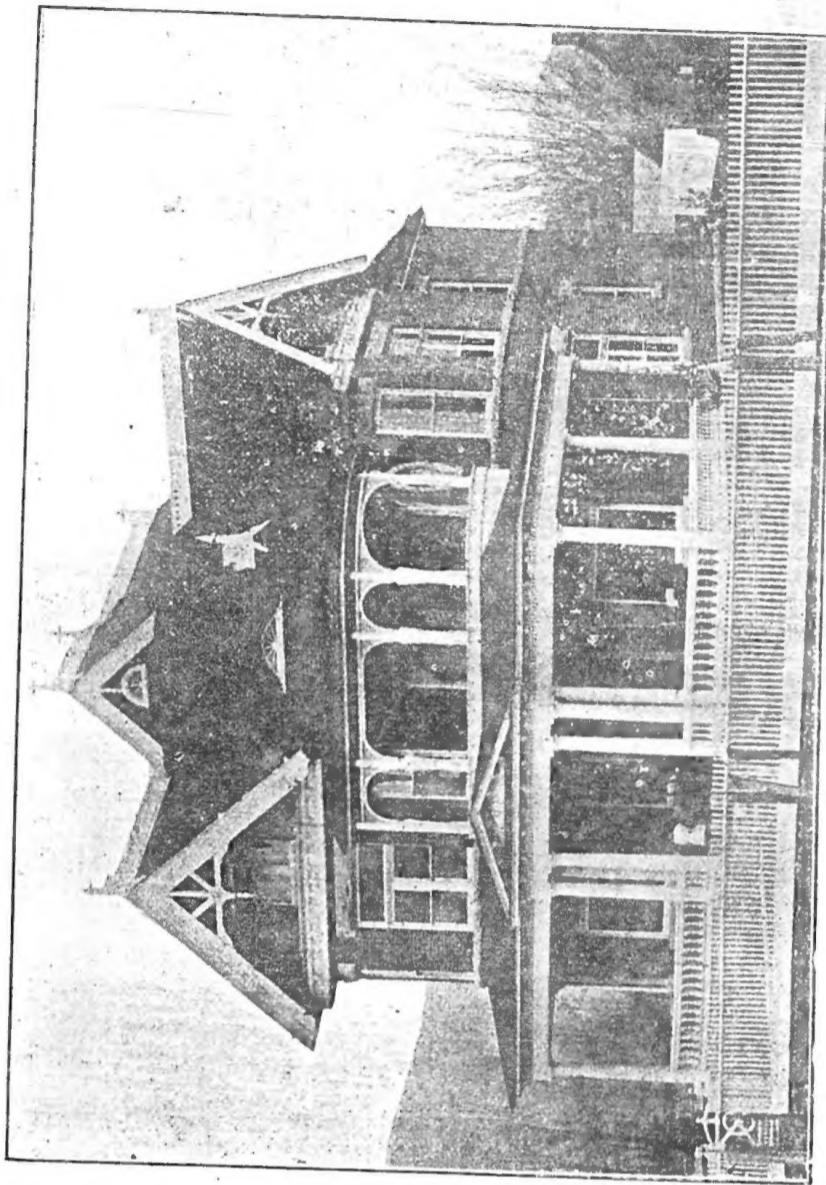
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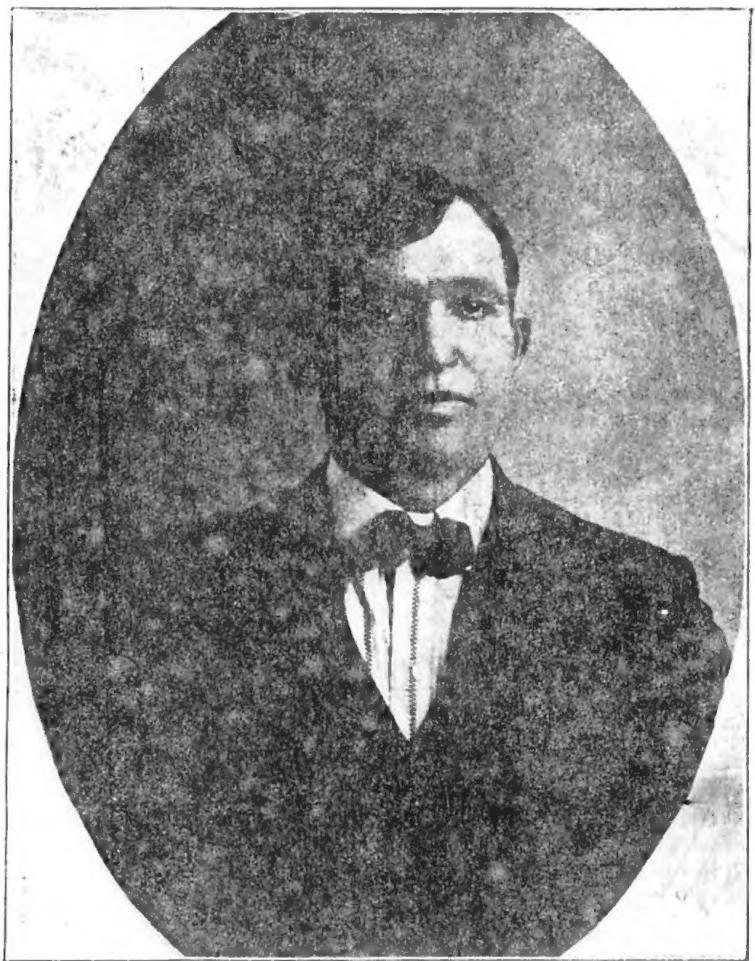
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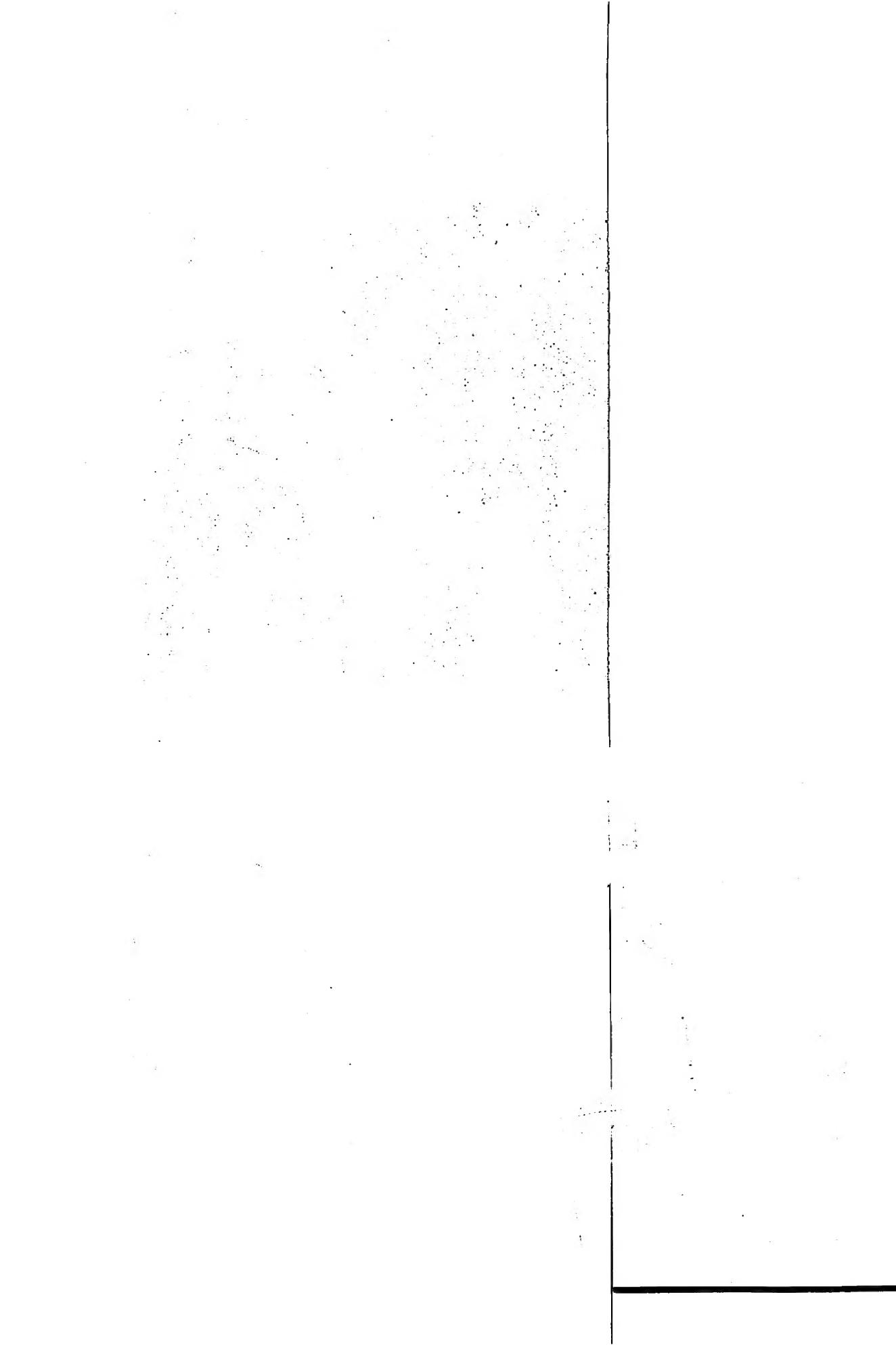
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company of that year and arriving in Salt Lake City September 26th. His family consisted, at that time of a wife and two little girls. His oldest son was born on the Muddy, about 100 miles east of Salt Lake—four days before the train reached its destination.

On account of his being a coal miner, he was sent to open the coal mines of Sanpete county just after the move in 1858. He moved to this valley in 1860. He assisted in making the road in Provo canyon in 1858 and at the time of the great "wash-out" in the spring of 1862, took a contract to repair the road from the south fork to Heber. In 1867 he went out into Wyoming to open up coal mines for the Union Pacific railway, then in course of construction. After taking charge of the coal mines for three years he returned to his family in Heber and again turned his attention to farming, but spent considerable time in prospecting and mining and canal and road building.

He was always free hearted and willing to assist in all public enterprises and give a helping hand to anyone in need.



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